

CBSA COVID Mandate Protests // 2022-02-09 20:00

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Update as of 2022-02-09 20:00H EST

New information in red below.

Bottom line/Summary:

Ambassador Bridge:

- The Ambassador Bridge remains closed to inbound (to Canada) traffic. Protestors have again moved to fully block the Northbound lanes and the blockade remains in the Southbound lanes. A small number of vehicles and trucks are able to access the Bridge from the Wyandotte street entrance to go to the US.
- The number of protestors has increased slightly to 250 protestors with approximately 75 vehicles in the protest area. The Windsor Police Service made one arrest when a protestor attempted to drive a vehicle past police barricade. The driver was arrested for Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle.
- Additional vehicles were able to gain access to a new protest on the northbound lanes, the Windsor Police is deploying additional officers to the area.
- Protestors are attempting to bring in firewood and burn barrels, Windsor Fire will be called to extinguish fires when lit.
- Due to the diversion of travellers to the Windsor Tunnel, a border wait time of 45 minutes is reported. No protest activity has been observed at this location.

Sarnia Blue Water Bridge:

- The Sarnia Blue Water Bridge continues to receive car and truck traffic diverting from Windsor, the current border wait time for trucks entering Canada is 4 hrs 45 min for trucks. There is no delay for US-bound traffic.
- Highway 402 approximately 30 km east of Sarnia remains closed due to a convoy of farm tractors. All Highway 402 traffic continues to be re-routed using the Emergency Detour Route using county roadways. Earlier today 15-20 vehicles were involved in the protest, most of dispersed with some vehicles remaining along the roadway. OPP report no arrests or charges.
- The protestors at Centennial Park had no impact to POE operations.
- Information was received from VIA Rail Police (Canada) that members of the Sarnia Truck Convoy were planning to put blocks on the train tracks to block trains. Canadian National Railway (it is their track that VIA operates on) is aware of this, is continuing to monitor the situation. Their concern is that if this event does come to fruition they will not have the resources to manage it. If there is a blockade, there will be a greater impact to CN operations than VIA which only has one train a day from Toronto, ON to Sarnia, ON.

Fort Erie Peace Bridge:

- The Peace Bridge is receiving diversions of trucks from Windsor and Sarnia, resulting in border wait times of 1 hour 41 minutes.

Coutts:

- The blockage of the highway north of the Coutts POE continues, RCMP believe it will not be resolved by negotiation. Car and truck traffic is being diverted to Carway, Del Bonita - both POEs will extend hours of operation to 22:00 hours.
- US CBP received a request to allow cattle clearances at Del Bonita as the Canadian farmers are unable to get their cattle to US markets. USDA unable to process at Del Bonita due to lack of proper facilities and have denied the request.

ONGOING	CONFIRMED	UNCONFIRMED
· Ottawa – February 9, 2022, Parliament Hill protest continues · Coutts – North and South bound traffic is flowing with one lane open in each direction and gates are open. Protestors continue to line the highway north of the POE. · Windsor Convoy for Freedom 2022 – Ambassador Bridge, February 7,8 &9 2022 · Pacific Highway (near POE)	· Ottawa – February 9, 2022, protests continue at Parliament Hill and downtown. · Sarnia – February 9, 2022	CANADA: · Sault Ste. Marie – February 9, 2022 · BWB Sarnia – February 9, 2022 · SOR Rail blockade - unconfirmed · Peace Bridge, SOR – February 12, 2022 · Montreal, QUE – February 12, 2022 (convoy to Ottawa)

		- North Portal, SK / Boissevain, MG - unconfirmed US: - Washington, US Capital - February 8 and 9, 2022, US Freedom Convoy (no new information from CBSA LO in Washington) - Peace Bridge, NY – February 12, 2022 - Buffalo – February 11, 2022 - Port Huron / Sarnia – February 12, 2022 Overseas: - Brussels - Freedom Convoy Europe 2022 (Unconfirmed) - New Zealand – protest activity in support of Canadian protests - Australia- protest activity in support of Canadian protests
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Enhanced vigilance examinations:

No new vigilance examinations reported

Intelligence Landscape

BLUF: As of February 9 at 1330 ET, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is low.

Regional POE Impacts:

ATL:

- No impact to CBSA operations reported

Quebec:

- No impact to CBSA operations reported

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- As of 1701 ET, Sault Ste. Marie POE reported one vehicle arrived on International Bridge Authority (IBA) property with signs. Police and IBA have been advised.

GTA:

- Partner Agency reports that in response to social media posts announcing a possible demonstration, Toronto Police Service have closed streets around Queen's Park Circle to traffic. Toronto police close Queen's Park Circle in response to possible convoy protest. [Link](#)
- No impact to CBSA operations reported

SOR:

- Fort Erie (Peace Bridge): CBP partners in Detroit are reporting that General Motors (GM) will likely be diverting some outbound trucks to Canada through Buffalo due to delays at crossings near Detroit. May have an impact on Canadian bound traffic.

Blue Water Bridge:

- VIA Rail Police report the public inquiry line received a message that the Sarnia truck convoy is planning to block trains. All partners are investigating, but credibility has not been established.
- Feb 9, 2022, as of 1742 ET, CTV news is on casino property facing towards the Blue Water Bridge with cameras set up.

Ambassador Bridge:

- The Mayor of Windsor and Chief of the Windsor Police Service held a press conference Feb 09, 2022, requesting provincial and federal resources.
 - Border protest: Windsor requests federal assistance as blockade continues. [Link](#)
- Feb 9, 2022, as of 1800 ET, media has been seen with video cameras and there appears to be a helicopter currently over the port of entry. Unable to confirm which outlets.
- 1,000+ pedestrians and 55 vehicles are congregated in the area of Huron Church Road and College Avenue, with no indication of leaving.
- Media: [Ontario Premier Ford calls for end to 'illegal' Ambassador Bridge protest tying up 'vital trade corridor' | CBC News](#)

PRA:

Coutts:

- Partner agency reports: Enforcement to remove Coutts border blockade to begin Wednesday afternoon: RCMP. [Link](#)

PAC:

- No impact to CBSA operations reported

Other from PS:

- As of 1700 ET, partner agency reports there are minimal people on Parliament Hill and surrounding streets. OPP advise there could be slow roll protests in the suburbs of Ottawa or through small towns outside of the city (as of 10:30 EST, 09 Feb). The number of trucks outside the hard road closures continues to fluctuate.
- RCMP stated in a press release this afternoon that anyone who actively blocks a highway may be subject to arrest.

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